



Best of Vietnam & Cambodia – 8N/9D

Visit: Phnom Penh 3N | Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) 3N | Hanoi 2N |

Sightseeing: **Phnom Penh:** City Tour, HD Killing Fields | **Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City):** Cu Chi Tunnel (2hrs) & Half Day City Tour, Mekong River Cruise | **Hanoi:** City Tour |



Itinerary:

Day 01: Arrive Phnom Penh

On arrival at Phnom Penh International Airport, after clearing Immigrations and Customs you will be met by our local representative for your transfer to the Hotel. Arrive at the Hotel and Check In. Cambodia's capital sits at the confluence of the Mekong, Bassac and Tonle Sap rivers. Considered the loveliest of the French-built cities of Indochina, it was founded as a small monastery in 1372 by a rich Khmer woman called Penh, after she found four Buddha statues in a tree trunk on the banks of the Mekong. She set up the monastery on a nearby hill or "phnom" in Cambodian. Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight at the hotel, Phnom Penh.



Day 02: Phnom Penh: City Tour

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Explore PHNOM PENH, a chaotic, energetic and always fascinating city. Graceful tree-lined boulevards and riverfront promenades are reminders of



bygone eras; today they teem with life and activity, as motorcycles weave in and out of traffic, vendor hawk their wares, and pedestrians go about their business. Start your tour at Wat Phnom, the birthplace of the capital; according to legend the city began here when a woman named Penh found four Buddha statues and built the temple to house them. Afterwards, see the splendour of Cambodia's royal heritage by visiting the Royal Palace, still the official residence of King Norodom Sihamoni, the adjacent Silver Pagoda, also known as the Pagoda of the Emerald Buddha, and the elegant National Museum, which contains a comprehensive collection of Khmer art. In the afternoon, learn about a chapter from Cambodia's more recent, tragic, past at the Tuol Sleng Museum (Museum of Genocide).



Formerly the Tuol Svay Prey High School, in 1975, this became the interrogation and torture facility for the Khmer Rouge regime - at that time known as Security Prison 21, or simply S-21. Kept largely unchanged, this prison now showcases photographs and exhibits about the thousands of victims that passed through these doors - only seven of whom came out alive. Finally, explore the modern-day city, visiting one of Phnom Penh's two great markets, the Central Market, located in a distinctive domed Art Deco building (Central Market is currently under construction but can be visited as usual), OR the sprawling Russian Market, a labyrinth of stalls selling everything from CDs and DVDs to silks, crafts, jewellery and more. Overnight at the hotel, Phnom Penh.

Day 03: Phnom Penh: HD Killing Fields

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Today visit the Killing Fields on a half day morning excursion. Just outside Phnom Penh, in a peaceful rural setting, the Killing Fields of Choeung Ek provide a stark reminder of the atrocities under the Pol Pot regime. Thousands of people were killed here between the years of 1975 and 1978 and buried in mass graves. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight at the hotel in Phnom Penh.



Day 04: Phnom Penh – Saigon: HD City Tour

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Check out and Transfer to the airport for your flight to Saigon. Arrive Saigon airport where you will met by our local representative for your transfer to the hotel in Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City). Arrive and check in at the hotel. Later you will be met at the hotel lobby for half day city





tour of Saigon. A vibrant metropolis, Saigon teems with energy, activity and motion. Everywhere you look, you see the meeting of traditional and modern life. The emerging modern skyline stands cheek by jowl with colonial buildings and traditional temples. Outside on the streets, young professionals zip by on motorcycles, chatting on cell phones; inside the quiet temple courtyards, worshippers pray amidst clouds of incense.

Begin your tour into modern history with a tour of the Reunification Palace. Formerly the Independence Palace of the South Vietnamese president, this 60s style building was famously stormed by tanks on April 30, 1975 signifying the fall of South Vietnam. It has been preserved in its original state, and the original tanks remain on display near the entrance gates.

Continue to the harrowing WAR REMNANTS MUSEUM, which comprehensively documents the travails of the long Vietnam- American War. Inside are detailed photographic exhibitions; outside is a collection of tanks, planes and weapons. A powerful experience, this museum is guaranteed to provoke strong emotions.

Afterwards driving to the historic center to visit Emperor of Jade Pagoda, one of Saigon's most interesting pagoda. Proceed to pay a quick visit to the neo-Romanesque Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office. Pass by the classic European-style landmarks such as the ornate City Hall (Hotel De Ville), the old Opera House (both may only be viewed from the outside). Finally, end up at the central Ben Thanh Market, where vendors display a vast array of goods and handicrafts, appealing to every taste. Overnight at the hotel, Saigon.

Day 05: Saigon: Excursion to Cu Chi Tunnels & Tay Ninh

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Today enjoy an excursion to Cu Chi Tunnels and Tay Ninh. From Saigon, drive to Tay Ninh, the birthplace of the unique Cao Dai religion, a fusion of Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Christianity, Islam and native Vietnamese spiritual beliefs.



Every day at noon, worshippers garbed in colorful robes flock to the Cao Dai Great Temple to participate in the daily prayer sessions, which visitors may respectfully observe from the upper balconies? (Note: shortly before and during the annual TET festival (Vietnamese New Year) the daily ceremony of the priests in Tay Ninh may be cancelled without prior notice).

Afterwards, continue to the Cu Chi Tunnels. Never discovered by American forces, these tunnels were an important Vietcong base during the American War. Stretching over 200 km, this incredible underground network, dug by hand out of hard laterite, connected command posts, hospitals, shelter and weapon factories. Today, you can walk through the area and learn about the day-to-day life of the VC, see the cleverly disguised entrances and elaborate



booby-traps, and even venture inside the tunnels, some of which have been modified to accommodate tourists. Return to Saigon in the late afternoon. Overnight at the hotel, Saigon.

Day 06: Saigon: Mekong River Cruise

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Today enjoy an excursion to Ben Tre with boat trip on Mekong River Journey through Ben Luc and Tan An. Take a boat trip on Mekong River to Vam Xep canal Ben Tre where local handicrafts and sweets from coconut are produced. Enjoy fresh seasonal fruits, a performance of traditional songs, and observe the local life. Take a short ride on a horse carriage to a typical local house to taste some homemade honey-tea. Proceed by small sampan boats through the small canals and observe daily life along the riverbanks, stopping for a leisurely stroll. Overnight at the hotel, Saigon.



Day 07: Saigon – Hanoi: HD City Tour

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Check out and Transfer to the airport for your flight to Hanoi. Arrive Hanoi airport where you will met by our local representative for your transfer to the hotel in Hanoi. Arrive and check in at the hotel.



Later you will be met at the hotel lobby for half day city tour of Hanoi. Head to Hoan Kiem Lake, located in heart of Hanoi, which contains an islet with the tiny Tortoise Pagoda. From there, walking to explore the Old Quarter. This fascinating network of narrow alleys and shop-houses is also known as The 36 Streets, each street being named after the merchandise traditionally sold there, ranging from fabrics to crafts to medicines to tombstones. A handicraft lover paradise and an endlessly interesting place to explore local life. Afterwards, visit the Museum Of Ethnology, which brings to life the astonishing ethnic diversity in Vietnam, with art and artefacts from the 54 different ethnic groups that inhabit the country. Inside the museum are detailed descriptions of minority groups, with examples of their traditional clothing and way of life. Outside are faithful reconstructions of traditional longhouses, cemeteries and other distinctive ethnic buildings. Overnight at the hotel, Hanoi.

Day 08: Hanoi: HD Tour Continued

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Today enjoy a half day tour of Hanoi including a visit to the Temple of Literature. It is a peaceful series of walled courtyards and graceful gateways.



This monument is one of the best-preserved examples of traditional Vietnamese architecture. Founded in 1070 and dedicated to Confucius, this was also the site of Vietnam's first university. In one courtyard, giant stone tortoises bear stele on their backs, listing the accomplishments of graduating scholars. Later visit the Ho Chi Minh Memorial Complex.



Here visit the miniature One Pillar Pagoda. Also dating from the 11th century, this monument was rebuilt after being destroyed by the French in 1954. Today it stands near the vast Ho Chi Minh Memorial Complex, a lovely park setting which is home to Ho Chi Minh's final resting place, as well as a museum and other memorials. Begin at the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, where visitors can pay respects to the embalmed body of Ho Chi Minh. The Mausoleum is closed in the afternoons, on Mondays and Fridays, and closes annually in October and November for restoration (can only view from the outside). Continue to the Presidential Palace (may be viewed from the outside only). Stroll through the park to Ho Chi Minh Stilt House, the simple two-room dwelling where Ho Chi Minh lived from 1948 until his final days.

Preserved in the same condition as during his life, it may be viewed through the windows. Proceed further on an excursion to Thay and Tay Phuong Pagodas. Travel outside Hanoi to two picturesque pagodas, built into dramatic limestone outcroppings in the middle of green rice fields. Starting with Thay Pagoda, known as Thien Phuc (Heavenly Blessing), is dedicated to Thich Ca Buddha and 18 arhats appear on the central altar. In front of the main pagoda is a small stage on stilts, where water puppet shows are staged here for festivals. A small path leads up the rock to a smaller pagoda perched above. Continue to the Tay Phuong Pagoda, also known as Sung Phuc Pagoda, consisting of three buildings built in descending sequence on the hillside. The earliest construction here dates from the 8th century. Overnight at the hotel, Hanoi.

Day 09: Depart Hanoi

Have our last breakfast together in Hanoi City and do some last minute shopping before flying back home or on to your next destination.



Note: Breakfast at Hotels and Rest of Meals – Local Food at Restaurants

**Inclusions:**

- Accommodation in hotel for 7 nights with breakfast and meals as per itinerary,
- 1Night cruise on boat in Ha Long Bay (shared cabin on shared boat),
- 02 bottles of mineral water per person per day on bus on days of transfer and sightseeing.
- Sightseeing as mentioned in itinerary,
- Arrival departure and sightseeing transfers on SIC basis.
- Services of english speaking guide, All entrance fees,

Exclusions:

- International air fare with taxes, Vietnam domestic flight tickets,
- Vietnam-Cambodia flight ticket, Visa,
- Optional excursions and Activities,
- Travel insurance, tips (USD 2/pax/guide/day & USD 1/pax/driver/day), portorage
- Meals other than those mentioned in itinerary,
- Additional transfer required due to any emergency situation,
- Expenses of pesonal natue and any services not part of the inclusions list.

ACCOMODATION AT BELOW MENTIONED HOTEL OR SIMILAR

LOCATION	PREMIUM	DELUXE	STANDARD
Phnom Penh	InterContinental	River Home	Cardamom Hotel & Apartments
Ho Chi Minh city	New World	Ramana Saigon Hotel	Hoang Phu Gia
Hanoi	Sheraton	May Day Villa Old Quarter	La Belle Vite

PRICE PER PERSON IN USD EXCL ST@9.00%

ROOMING BASIS/CATEGORY	PREMIUM	DELUXE	STANDARD
ADL IN TWIN	1378	933	874

PACKAGE PRICE: VALIDITY 1ST MAY'17 TO 30th SEP'17 BARRING PEAK AND BLOCK OUT PERIODS

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Package price refers to services mentioned under the package inclusions section in the proposal
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- Likelihood of getting the desired hotel and room category is higher if you book early, thereby saving money.
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- Precise information with regard to date of travel, duration, number of tour participants, accommodation category and sightseeing helps to get appropriate quotation in quickest time

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